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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

FROM THE AMBASSADOR TO AMBASSADOR HECK

SITREP 11, BEING SENT SEPTTEL, REPORTS CONVERSATION I HAD
FEB 17 WITH GENERAL MONTANEZ, THE CHIEF OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
WHO IS OUR PRINCIPAL LIAISON WITH THE DEFENSE MINISTRY IN THE
STARR KIDNAPPING CASE. AS INDICATED IN THAT CABLE, I ALERTED
HIM TO FACT THAT STARR'S MOTHER WAS CONSIDERING
TRAVELLING TO COLOMBIA AND I EXPRESSED TO HIM, AS I HAD DONE
EARLIER TO MEMBERS OF YOUR TASK FORCE DURING OUR FEB 16 PHONE
CONVERSATION, THE REASON WHY I THOUGHT SUCH A TRIP WOULD BE
HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. THE GENERAL READILY
AGREED WITH MY POSITION. I WOULD HOPE THAT THE INFORMATION AND
REPORTS FROM THIS EMBASSY WHICH DEPT HAS FORWARDED TO STARR'S
MOTHER MAY HAVE ALREADY CONVINCED HER THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE
IS BEING DONE AND THAT SHE SHOULD NOT COME HERE.
IN THIS CONNECTION, I UNDERSTAND THAT TEN PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS
HERE WHO ARE FRIENDS OF STARR CABLED HIS MOTHER FEB 16, SAYING
AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT SHE SHOULD FEEL ASSURED THAT ALL POSSIBLE
MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN FOR HIM. IF YOU THINK IT HELPFUL,
HOWEVER, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONVEYING TO HER MY OWN PERSONAL
ASSURANCES OF THIS TOGETHER WITH MY APPEAL THAT SHE NOT TRAVEL TO

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